REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-29 are pending. Claims 2-4 and 8-26 are withdrawn.

Claims 1, 6, 7, and 27-29 (in part) are allowed.

By this Amendment, Applicants amend claim 1 (requested in the Examiner's ¶ 5), amend claim 8 and dependent claims (requested in the Examiner's ¶6), and cancel claims 2 and 10 without prejudice. Claims 3-4 should not be withdrawn, because they recite further limitations on the elected species of claim 1.

Regarding the Examiner's ¶7, Applicants include a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Application Serial No. 10/800,531. Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the Examiner's rejoinder of method claims.

Regarding the Examiner's ¶8, Applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement electronically on October 26, 2007 and the fee for consideration of these references.

CONCLUSION

No fees are believed due but, if deemed necessary, authorization is given to charge them to Deposit Account No. 20-0809. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative with questions.

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